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<TEXT>I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

I also use very little long distance on my home phone and do not think I should pay the same as my business does that makes many long distance calls each month.

My mother is 90 years old and trying to live on social security she is very careful to make very few long distance calls but need phone service for her safety. She should not have to pay for more than she carefully uses.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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